



BIOGRAPHY



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COLONEL MICHAEL L. CARLSON

Colonel Michael Carlson is Commander, Training Aircraft Systems Group (TASG), Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for the acquisition of the T-6A Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS) for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy, the acquisition of the T-1A Jayhawk, and support of all development programs for the T-38C Talon.

Colonel Carlson was commissioned in 1980 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His initial acquisition assignment was as an Operations Manager in the Aircraft Modification Directorate, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He has since held a variety of increasingly responsible positions in acquiring and sustaining multiple major weapons systems. The colonel has been designated a joint specialty officer, and has served twice in command positions.



EDUCATION:

1977 Bachelor of science degree in economics, Willamette University, Salem, Ore.

1980 Bachelor of science degree in business administration, Portland State University, Portland, Ore.

1983 Marine Corps Command and Staff Extension Course

1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1987 Master of science degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.

1988 Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

1992 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1995 Joint PME Phase II Course, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

1999 Master of science degree in strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2000 Executive Refresher, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

2001 Executive Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

2002 Joint Military Attaché School, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, District of Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1980 – November 1982, Operations Manager, Aircraft Modification Directorate, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2. December 1982 – June 1984, Foreign Military Sales Country Manager, F-16 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. June 1984 – April 1988, Deputy Chief, then Chief, F-16 Multinational Fighter Program Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium (direct report to SAF/AQ)
4. September 1988 – July 1991, Hughes Production Program Manager, AMRAAM Missile Joint System Program Office, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. August 1991 – June 1992, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. June 1992 – September 1993, AGM-130 Missile Systems Integration Program Manager, Air-to-Surface Weapons System Program Office, Eglin AFB, Fla.
7. October 1993 – November 1995, Logistics Program Manager and Adviser, Joint United States Military Affairs Group, Yongsan Army Garrison, Seoul, Republic of South Korea
8. January 1996 – June 1997, AIM-9P Sidewinder Missile Security Assistance Program Manager, Space and Special Systems Management Directorate, Robins AFB, Ga.; (April - June 1997, deployed as Commander, 4409th Support Squadron, ACC Provisional, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
9. June 1997 – August 1998, AMRAAM Systems Support Manager, later, Air Superiority Munitions Program Manager and Chief, Missiles Division, Space and Special Systems Management Directorate, Robins AFB, Ga.
10. August 1998 – June 1999, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 1999 – June 2000, Commander, Peace Sun IX Operating Locations, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
12. June 2000 – August 2002, Chief, C-17 Logistics Division, C-17 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. August 2002 – November 2002, student, Joint Military Attaché School, Washington, District of Columbia
14. January 2003 – January 2004, Defense and Air Attaché, Pristina, Kosovo
15. January 2004 – August 2005 – Deputy Director, Long Range Strike JSPO, then Deputy Director, Air-to-Ground Munitions Systems Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
16. August 2005 – present, Commander, Training Aircraft Systems Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1979 U.S Army Airborne Training Course
1989 Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Aeronautical Systems Division
1992 Member, Acquisition Corps
1992 Program Management Level III Certification
1993 Acquisition Logistics Level III Certification
1995 Minister of National Defense Commendation Award, Republic of South Korea
1996 Member, U.S. Air Force Tennis Team (Interservice Champions)
2004 International Affairs Level III Certification

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Oct. 6, 1980
First Lieutenant	Oct. 6, 1982
Captain	Oct. 6, 1984
Major	Oct. 1, 1992

Lieutenant Colonel
Colonel

Dec. 1, 1996
April 1, 2002

(Current as of August 2005)